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TO : Chief, Services Division
FROM : Chief, Advisory Council
SUBJECT: Report of Accident

DATE: 11 October 1949

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1. About 1600 on 27 September 1949, I was seated in the rear of a vehicle operated by [] proceeding north on 16th St., N. W., approaching the intersection of Military Road. I noticed a car entering the intersection from the left and turning left. I did not observe whether or not the driver of this vehicle observed the "STOP" control at the corner. The CIA vehicle hit the right rear fender of the other car with its left front fender. As an experienced driver with an effective D. C. license, very familiar with local driving conditions and traffic regulations, I am strongly of the opinion that:

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(a) [] was competently and safely operating his vehicle within prescribed speed limits.

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(b) At no time until immediately before the collision when no action by [] would have completely avoided it did any threat of collision exist in my mind. The width of the road and the very light traffic at the time (there was no car approaching in the opposite direction) gave me the impression that the other driver was going to turn inside the CIA car. He had ample room to do so. It seems conclusive to me that he was completely inattentive and simply did not see [] approaching.

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